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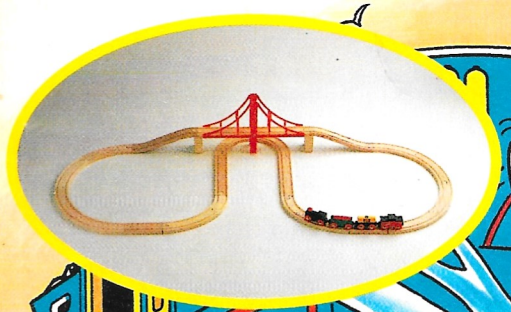

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Peep! Peep! Thomas likes to be a smart engine, but sometimes it is very hard to keep clean when there is so much urgent work to be done! In our first story, Thomas has a very busy day and he just can't keep clean at all! But Thomas's luck changes in our second story, when he has the chance to become a Really Famous Engine! Turn to page 20 to find out why! Peep! Peep!

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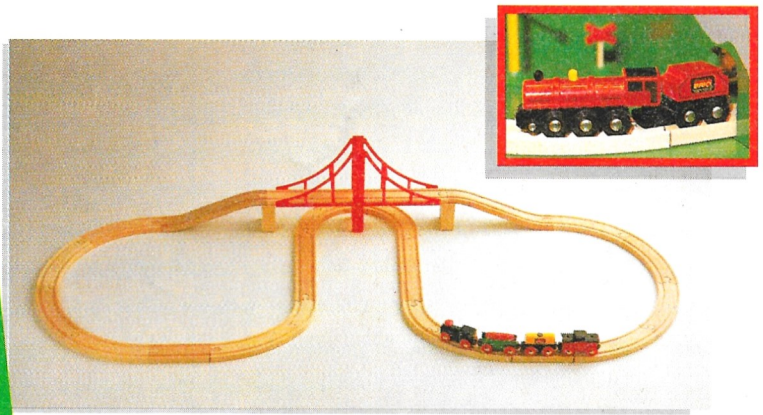

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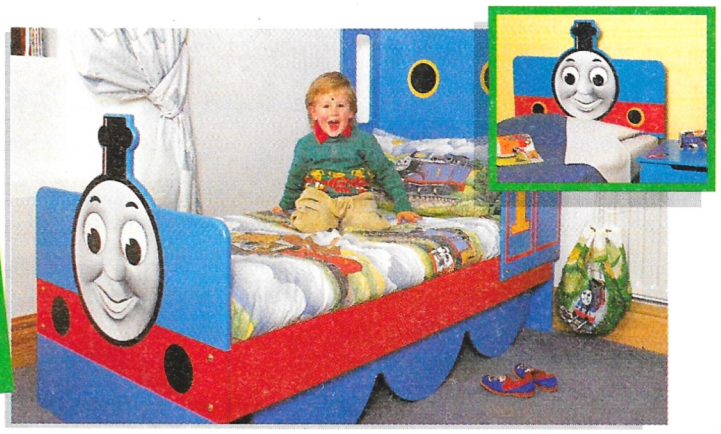

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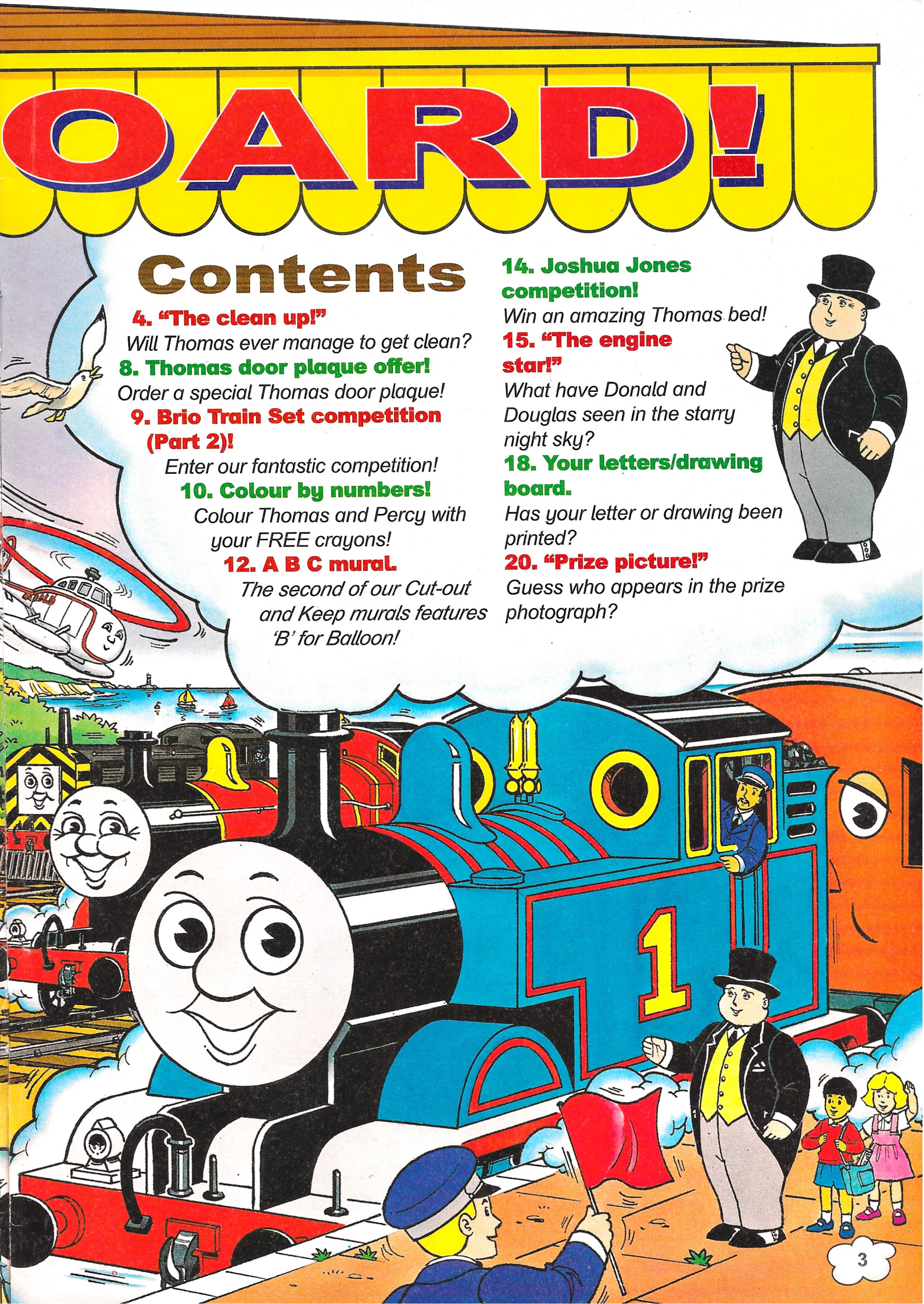
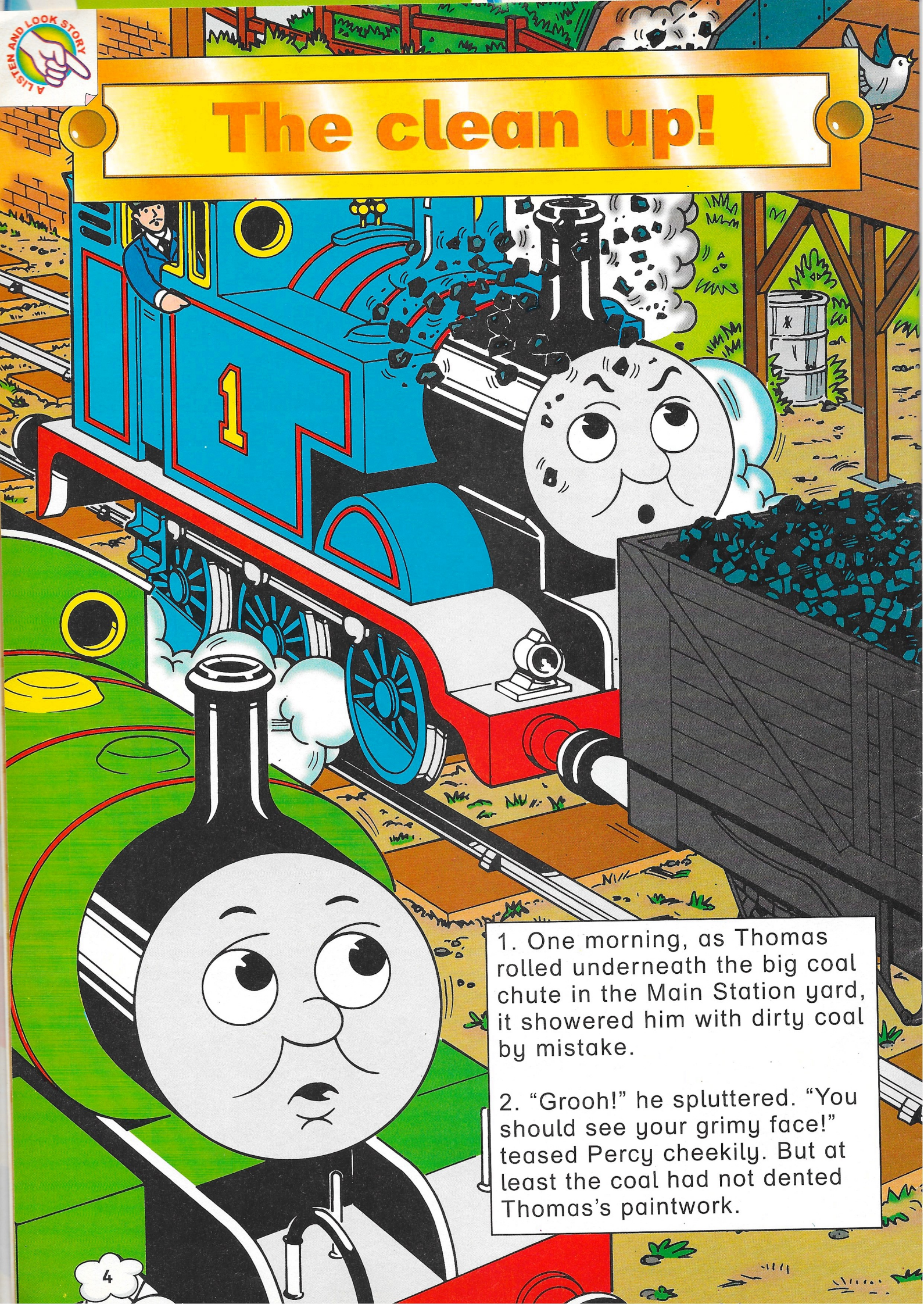
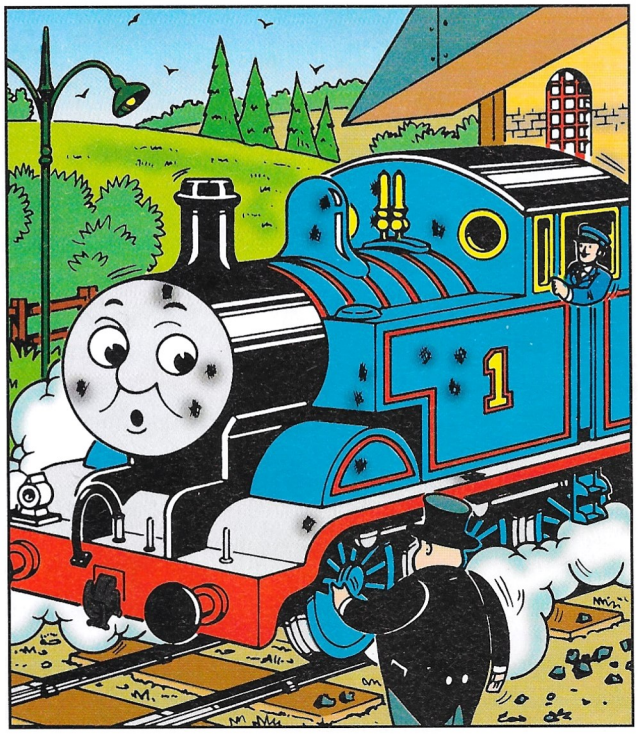




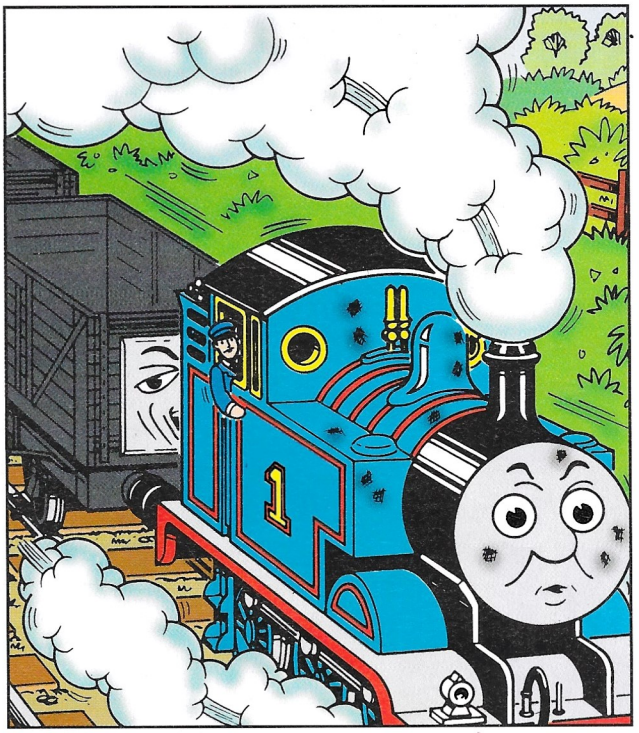
The clean up!

1. One morning, as Thomas rolled underneath the big coal chute in the Main Station yard, it showered him with dirty coal by mistake.

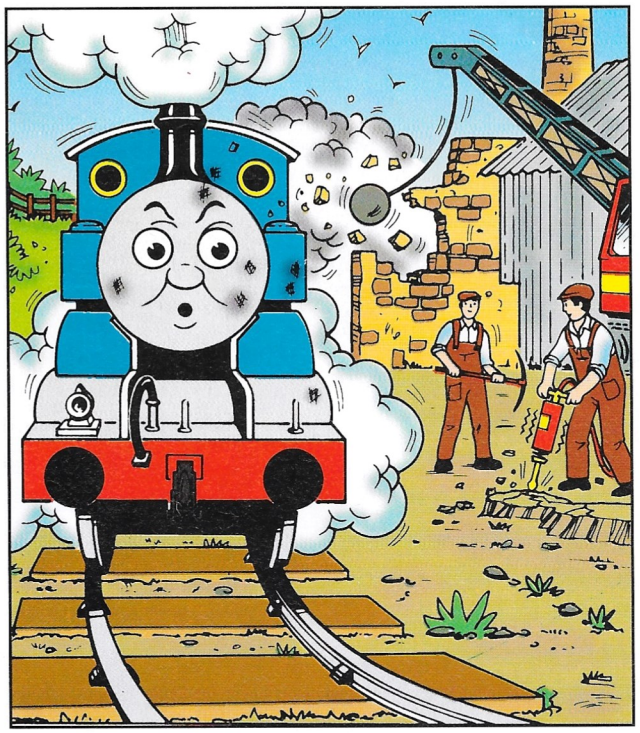
2. "Grooh!" he spluttered. "You should see your grimy face!" teased Percy cheekily. But at least the coal had not dented Thomas's paintwork.



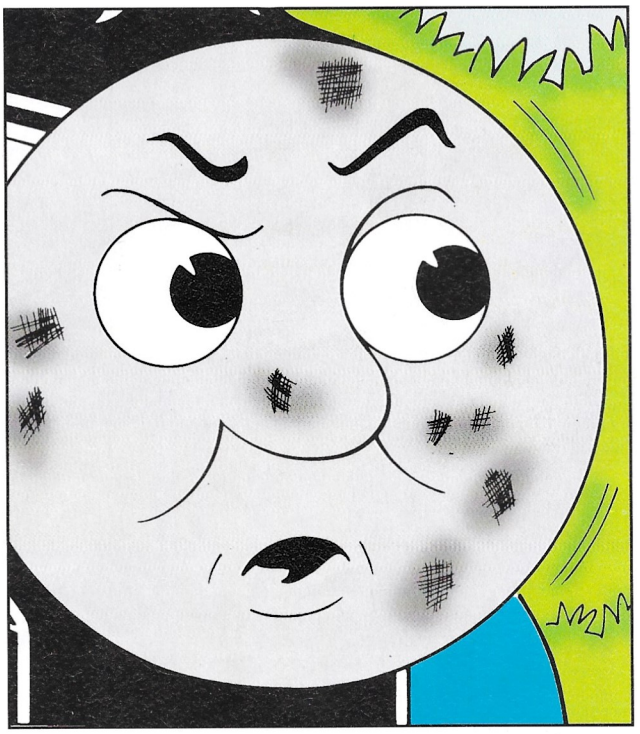
3. “It could have been worse!” said his driver kindly. Just then, the Fat Controller hurried to see Thomas. “I’ve an urgent job for you!” he called.



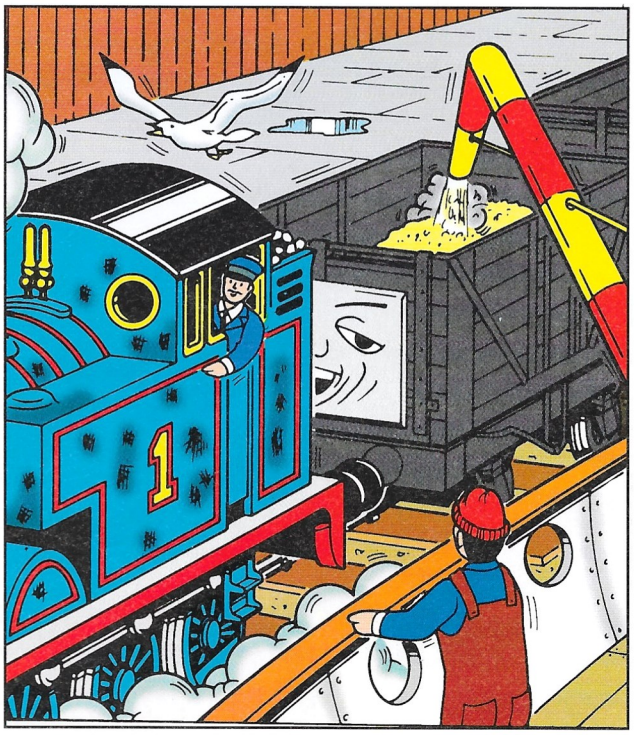
4. There was no time for Thomas to be cleaned. He was coupled to some trucks and sent to the Big Harbour to meet a ship from the mainland.



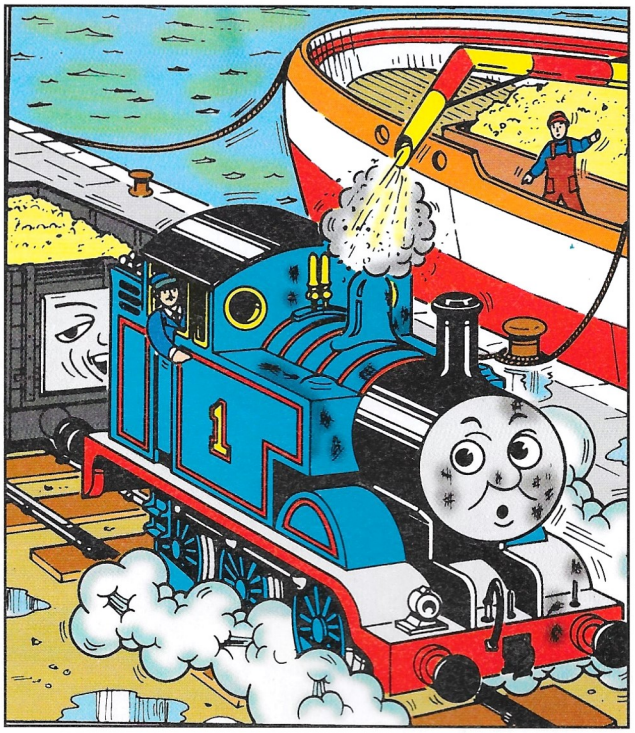
5. On the way, Thomas had to pass an old disused factory beside the line. Some workmen were knocking it down and the brick dust blew in his face.



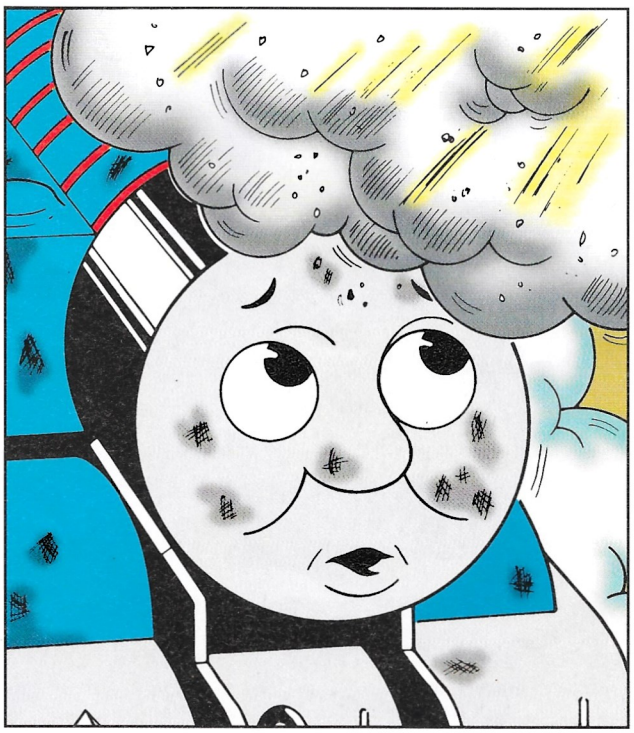
6. Thomas was very cross. He liked to be a really smart engine! “Pah!” he fumed. “If anything else goes wrong, I’ll burst my boiler!”



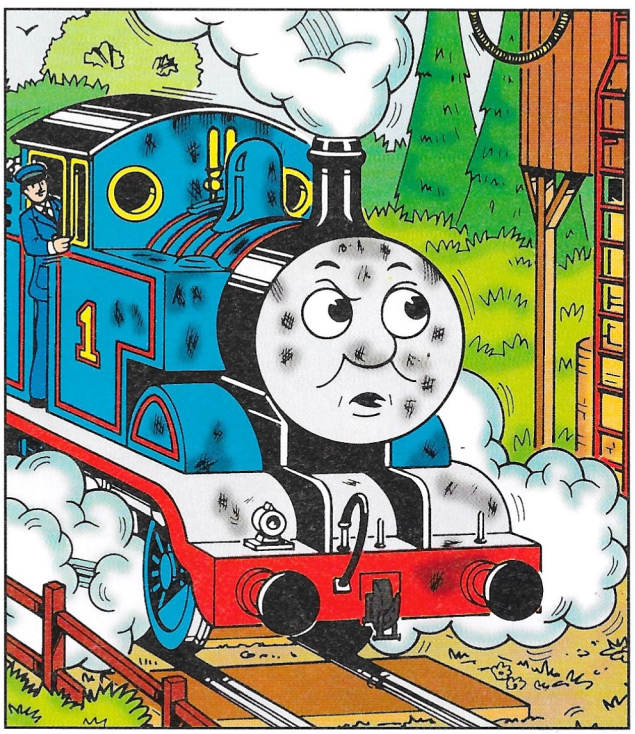
7. The ship was carrying a cargo of grain which was to be off-loaded into Thomas's trucks, using a special chute. Soon the trucks were full.



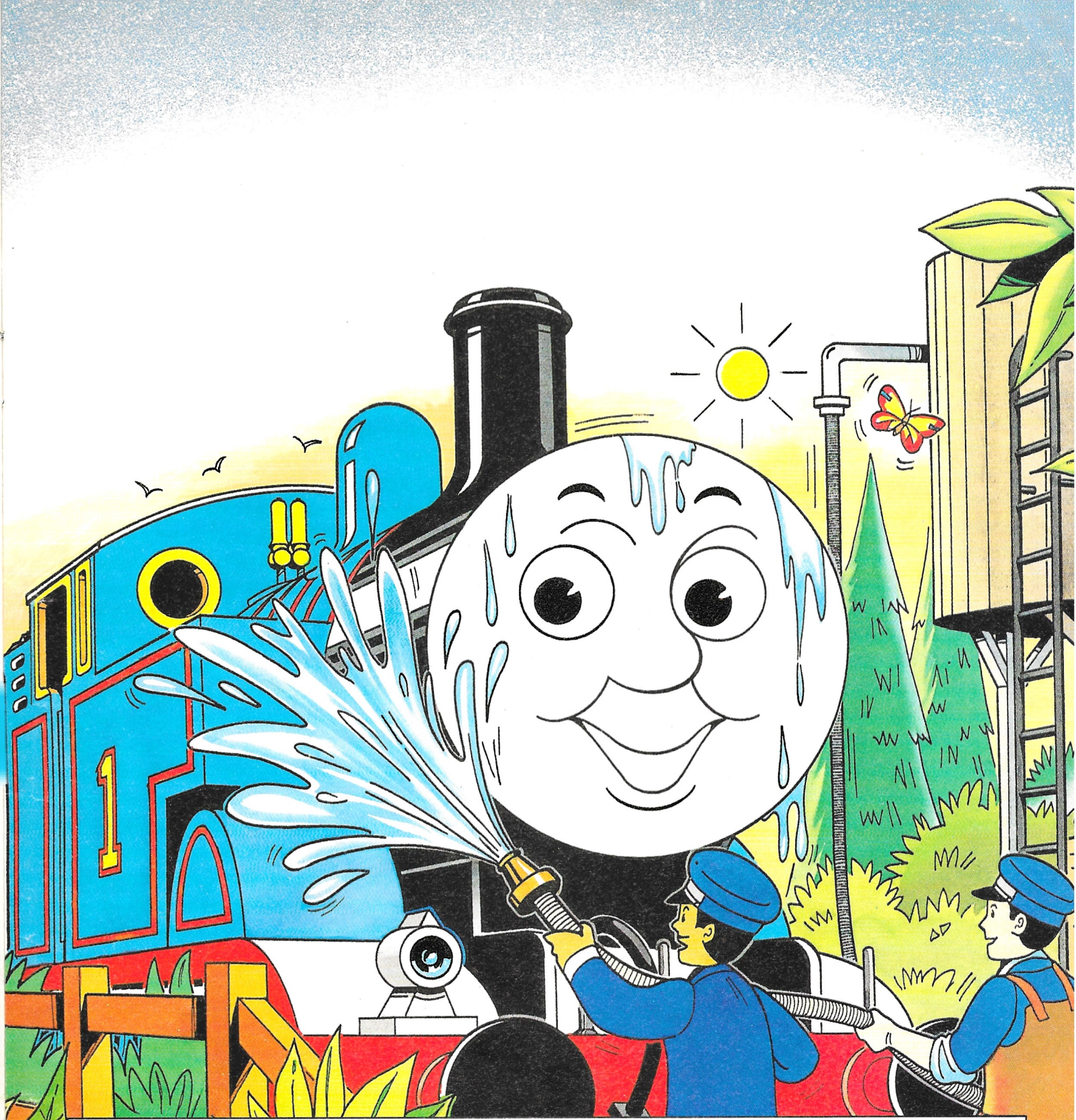
8. "So far, so good," said Thomas, relieved that the job was done. But, suddenly, as Thomas was backing up, some grain shot down the chute!



9. "Look out!" called his driver. Too late! "Help!" cried Thomas, who was smothered in a cloud of grain. Luckily, the only damage was to his pride!

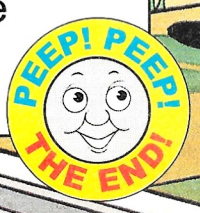


10. All the dust made him cough and wheeze. Thomas was angry. "You'll feel better for a nice long drink," said the driver as Thomas grumbled.



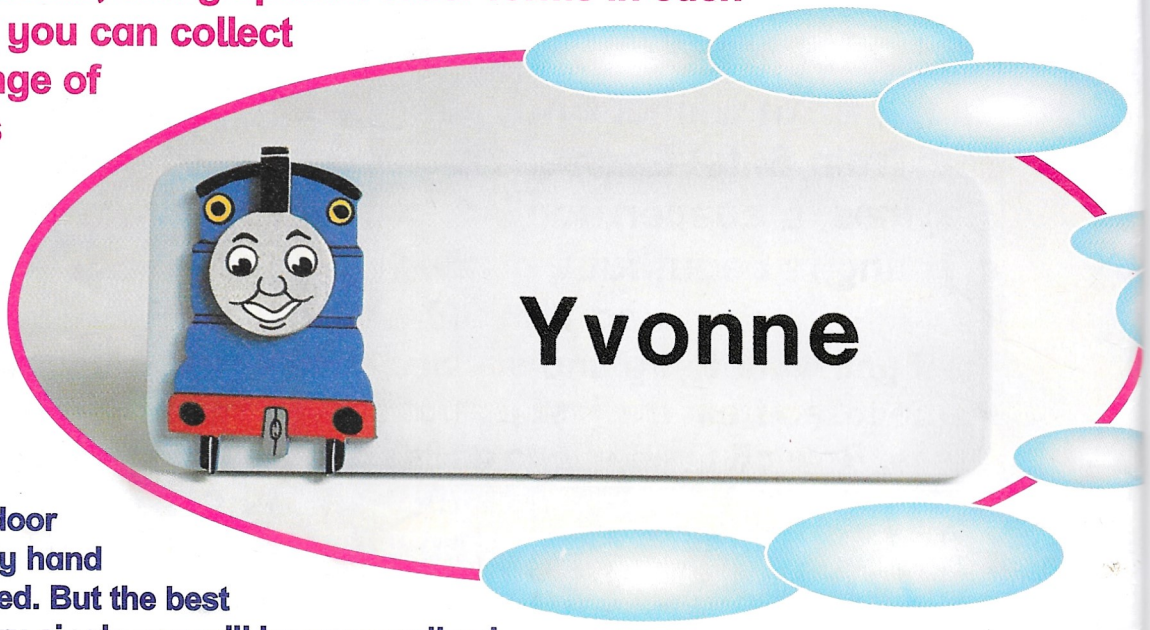
11. Thomas puffed across the harbour yard and pulled up by the water-tower. Can you guess what happened? The water-tower was turned on too soon and water gushed all over him. Now he was dripping wet. "Oh, no!" his driver said. "Thomas will be even more cross!"

12. But Thomas looked cheerful. "That was a lucky accident!" he said. "All that water gave my paintwork a wash and cooled me down!" The sun came out to dry Thomas as he returned to the Main Station. "Peep! Peep! I'm a sparkling clean engine now!" he whistled happily.



Decorate your room with Thomas

Here's your chance to collect a unique range of hand painted Thomas door plaques, coat pegs, wall clocks and bookends! Over the next few weeks, using special order forms in each of our issues, you can collect this whole range of great Thomas bedroom decorations!



So, why not begin your collection right now with a Thomas Door Plaque for your bedroom? Each door plaque is carefully hand crafted and painted. But the best news of all is every single one will be personalised. That means you can have your very own name on your very own Thomas Door Plaque!

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This amazing personalised Thomas Door Plaque is being offered at the special price of **£4.99**, which includes postage and packaging. To order your Thomas Door Plaque, complete the order form in block capital letters, writing the name you want on your door plaque very clearly. Then send it, with a postal order or cheque for **£4.99** payable to **Ends**, to: ***Ends Door Plaque Offer, Ends, 31 Rippers Court, Station Road, Sible Hedingham, Essex CO9 3PY.*** Your personalised Thomas Door Plaque will be posted within 7 days of receipt of your order.

ORDER FORM

Please send me ..... (No. required) Thomas Door Plaque(s) priced £4.99 each.

The name I'd like on my door plaque is:

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(please indicate other names if you're ordering more than one door plaque).

I've enclosed a cheque or postal order for £ .....

Name.....Address.....

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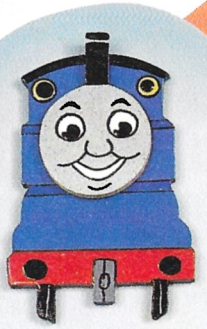
THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS



Don't miss our next issue either, where you'll be able to add this splendid Thomas Coat Peg to your collection!

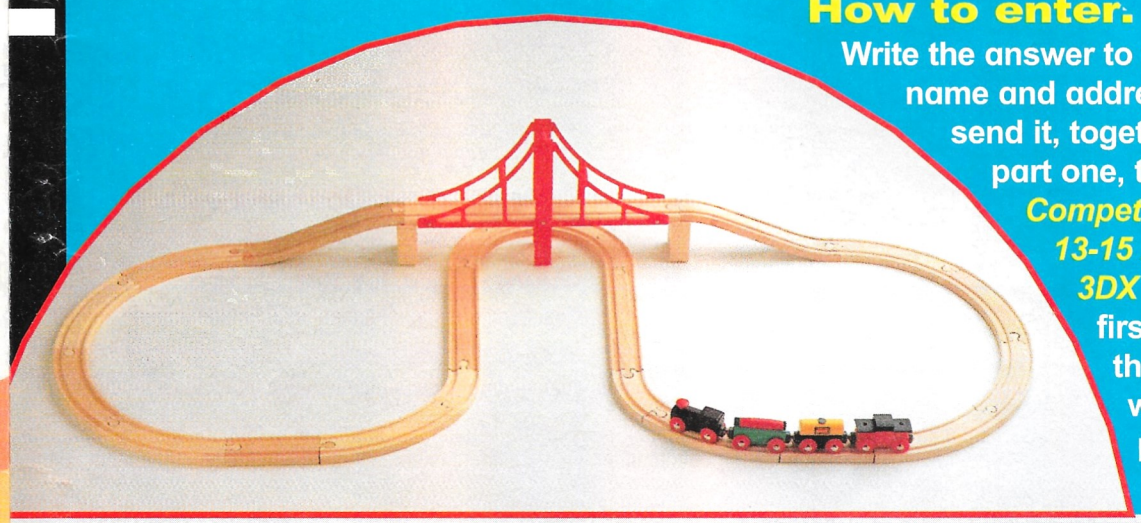
10 super prizes to be won! part 2

WIN A SUPER BRIO WOODEN RAILWAY SET!

It's here at last! Part two of our amazing competition! **10** lucky prize winners will each receive one of these fantastic Brio Train Sets! Each set includes three fabulous wooden engines, a suspension bridge, wooden track and trucks! Everything is beautifully crafted to Brio's usual high standard, and it could all be yours!

If you want to try and win one of these great prizes, you'll need the token from the first part of this competition, it was in our last issue. Now all you need to do is answer the following question:

What colour is the bridge included with our prize?

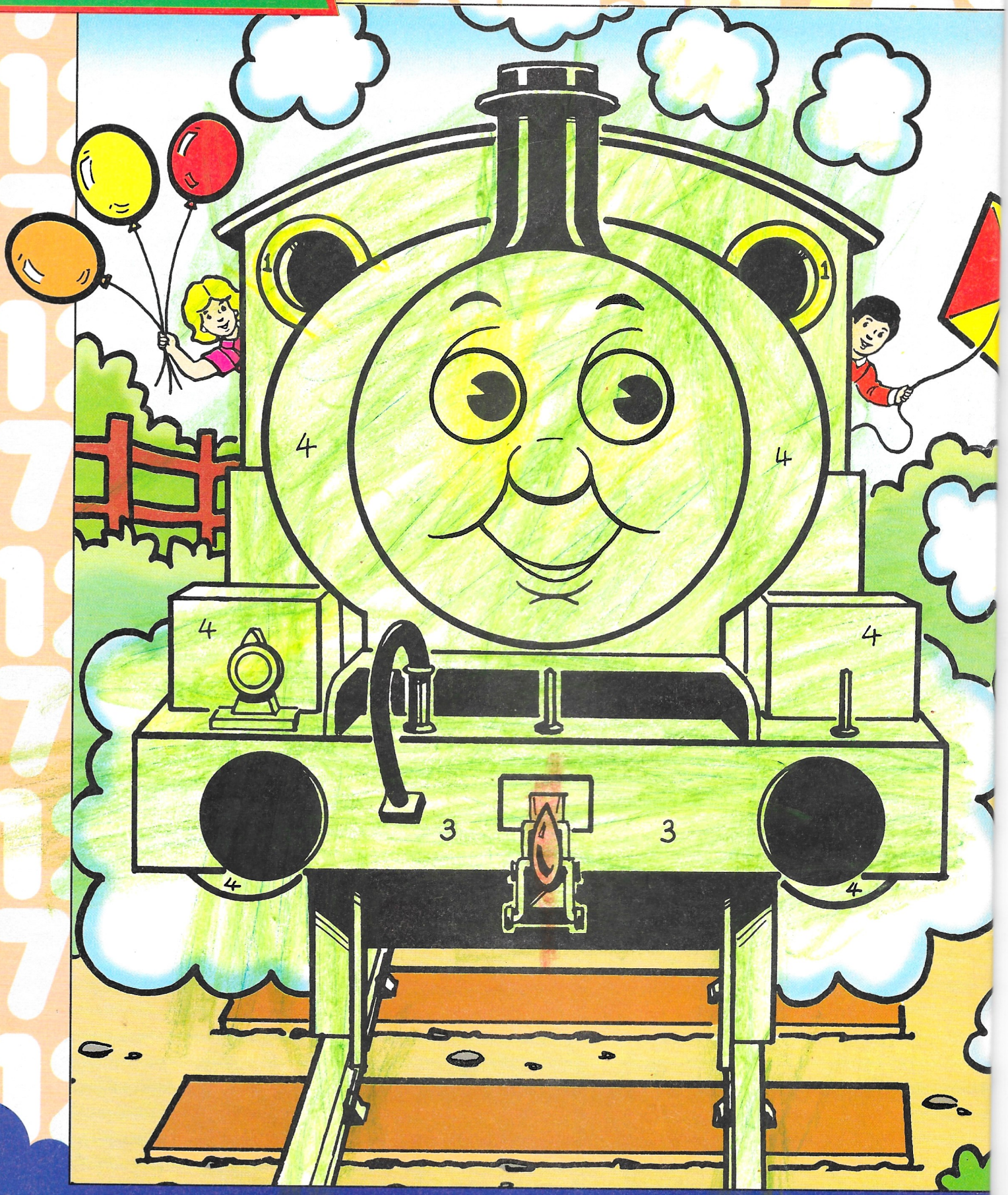


How to enter.

Write the answer to the question and your name and address on a postcard. Then send it, together with the token from part one, to : *Thomas BRIO Train Set Competition, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London WC2R 3DX* by October 21st 1994. The first ten entries drawn after the closing date will each win one of the wonderful prizes. **Good luck.**

This competition is open to all readers other than employees of Marvel Comics Ltd., William Heinemann Ltd., and BRIO. We cannot accept any responsibility for prizes lost or damaged in the post. The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

Colour by Percy



Colour this picture using the guides opposite!
Why not use your super new crayons?

numbers!

Thomas

What colour is Stephen's kite?

How many balloons is Bridget holding?

Colours you will need!

1. Yellow
2. Blue
3. Red
4. Green

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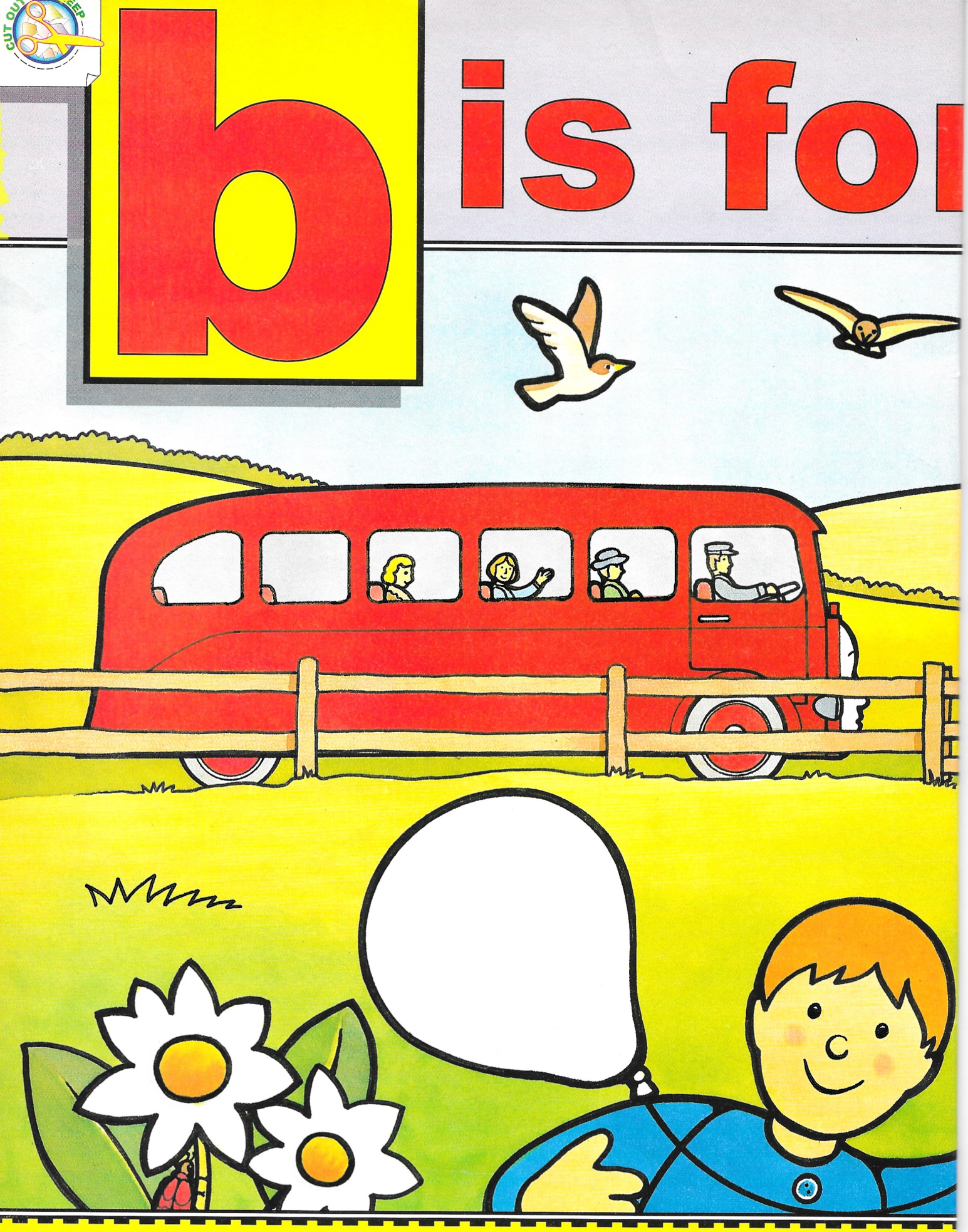

Point to the big balloon!

Colour in the balloon that the boy is holding!

What colour is Bertie the Bus?

How many birds are flying?

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Thomas Bed Competition!

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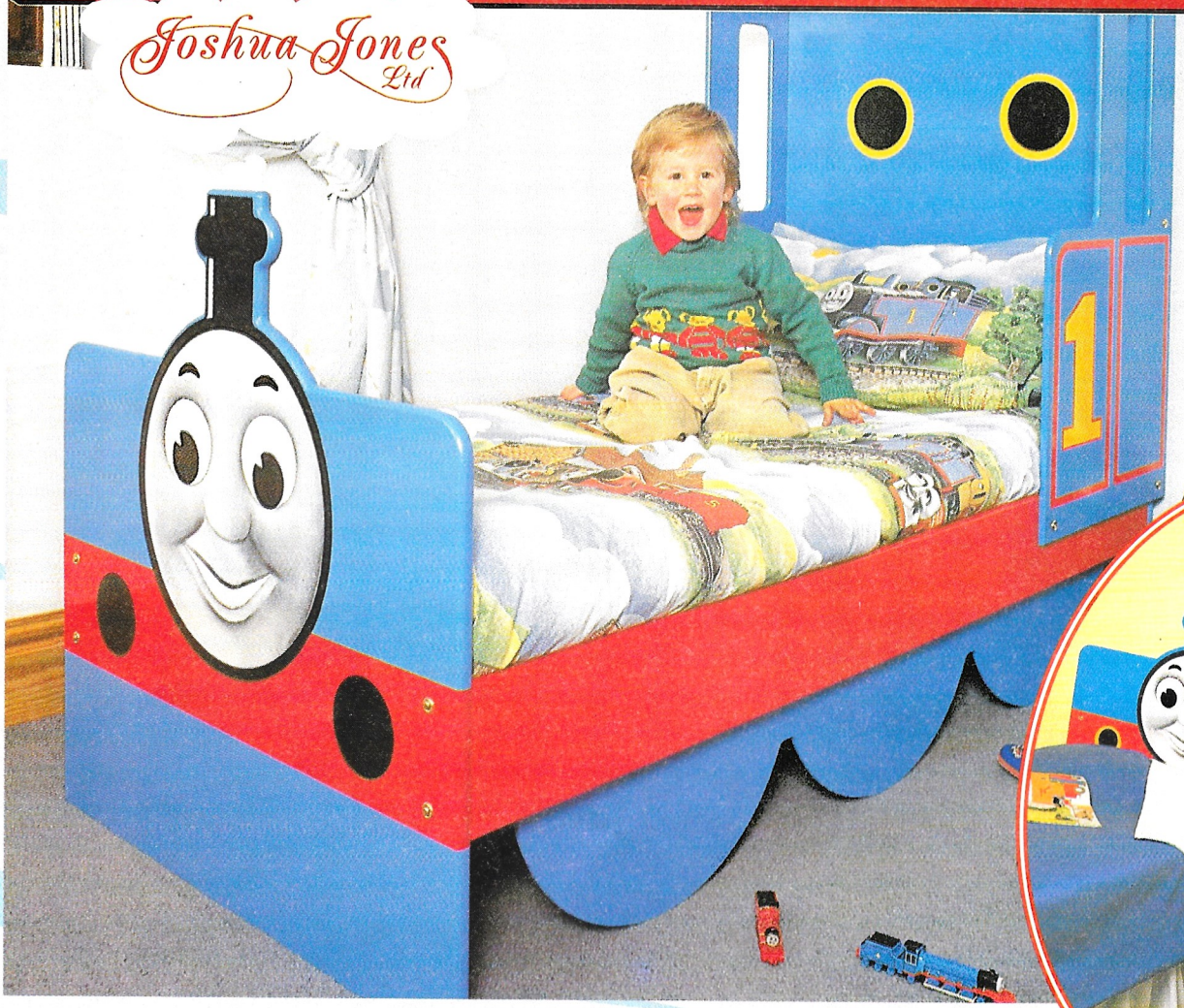

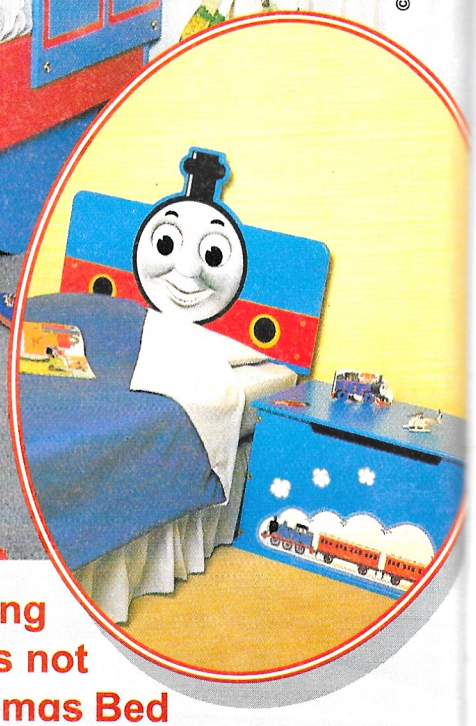

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Our lucky 1st prize winner will receive an amazing single size Thomas Bed (6' 3" x 2' 3" - mattress not supplied). The cabin end is 4 feet high! The Thomas Bed comes flat-packed and is simple to put together with full instructions and all fittings supplied.

Two second prize winners will receive Thomas bedheads (to fit a standard 3' divan). The bedheads come in single flat boxes with only two brackets to attach them to the bed (all fittings supplied).

How to enter: Simply answer the following question:

What number is Oliver the G.W.R Engine?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name, age and address to: ***Joshua Jones Thomas Bed Competition, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London WC2R 3DX.*** Entries should arrive by October 21st 1994. The first three correct answers drawn from our postbag will win the super prizes.

For further information on these products please contact: ***Joshua Jones Ltd, 1F Bailie Gate, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne, Dorset*** or telephone 0258 858470.

This competition is open to all readers other than employees and their families of Joshua Jones Ltd., Britt Allcroft (Thomas) Ltd., William Heinemann Ltd. and Marvel Comics Ltd. The first 3 correct entries to be drawn will win the allocated prizes. The Editor's decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into. No responsibility can be taken for entries lost or damaged in the post. All entrants are bound by the rules.

The engine star!

Donald and Douglas, the Scottish twins, were delivering bricks to the far side of the Island of Sodor. They both pulled very long trains and it was hot, hard work. They did not set off home again until well after dark.

"Och! We don't mind!" said Donald. "There's so much tae see in the night sky!"

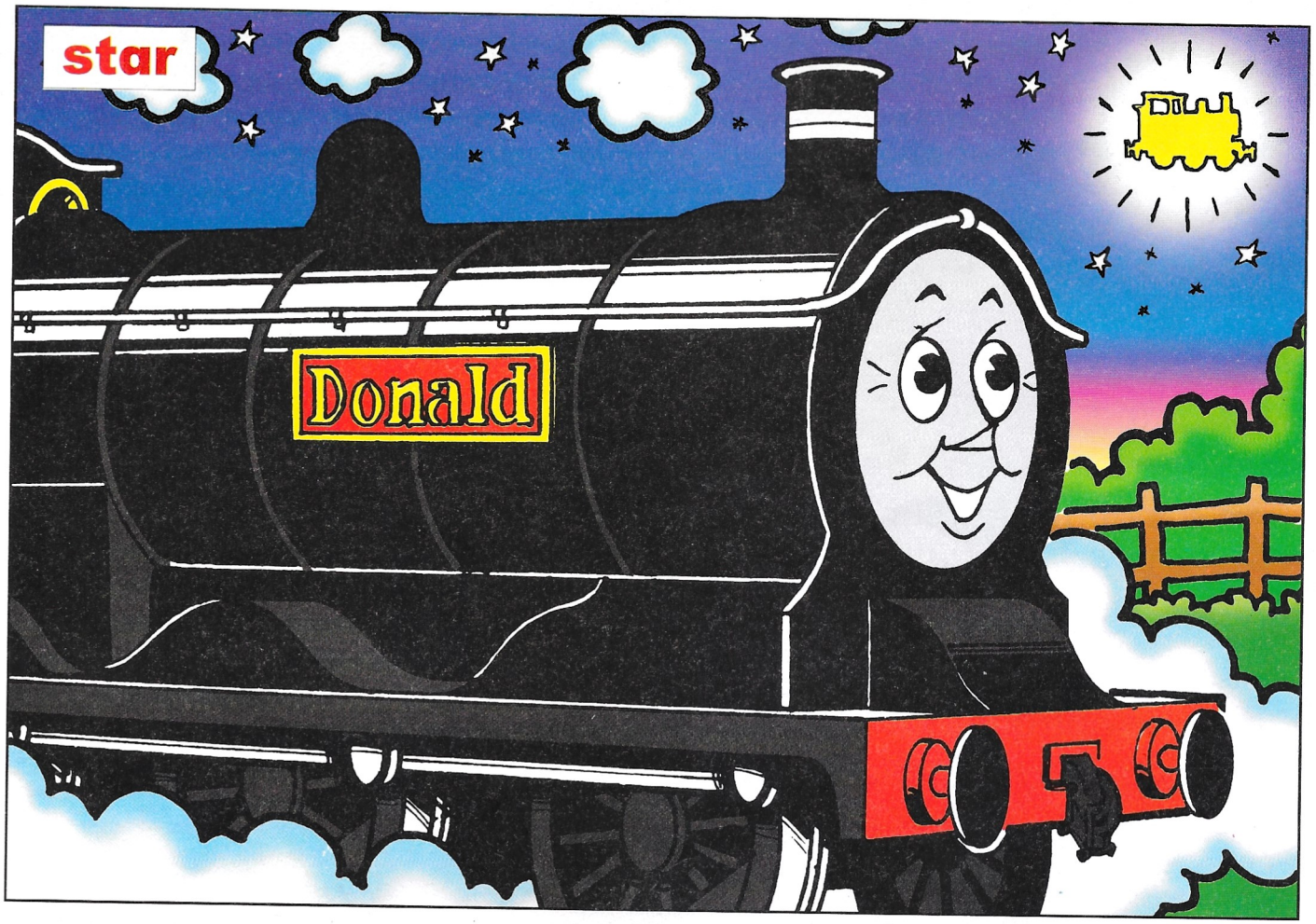
"Aye! All those twinkling lights are stars," replied Douglas.

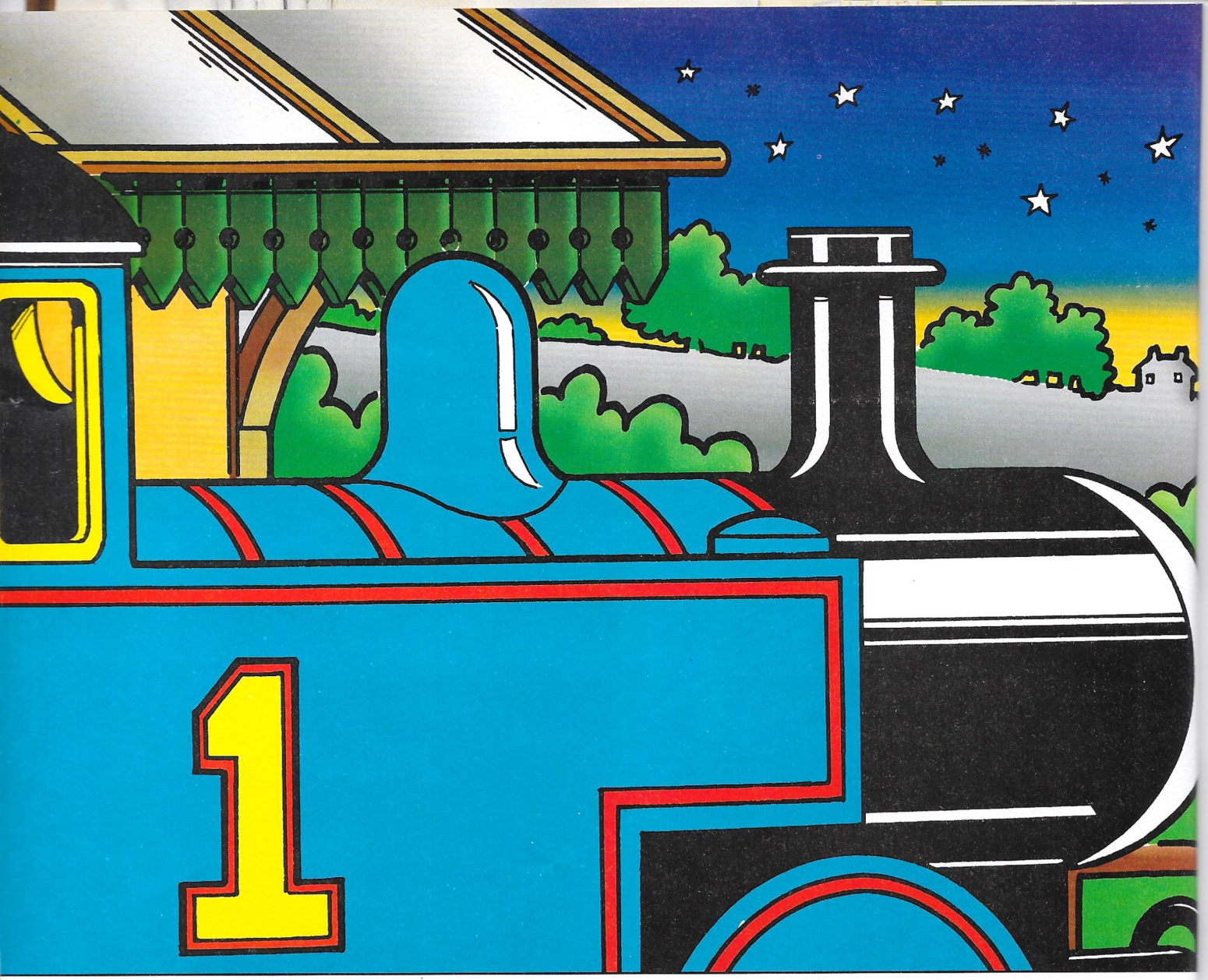
Suddenly, they saw a very strange light above them. It looked just like a steam engine.

"That must be an engine star!" cried Douglas.

"Wait till the others hear!" replied Donald.

"We expect silly stories from Percy, but not from the two of you!" sniffed James, when he heard their story the next day.





"But it's true!" insisted the Scottish twins.

"A man from the Island of Sodor Film Club was filming us all at work yesterday," interrupted Thomas. "It's a shame you weren't here!"

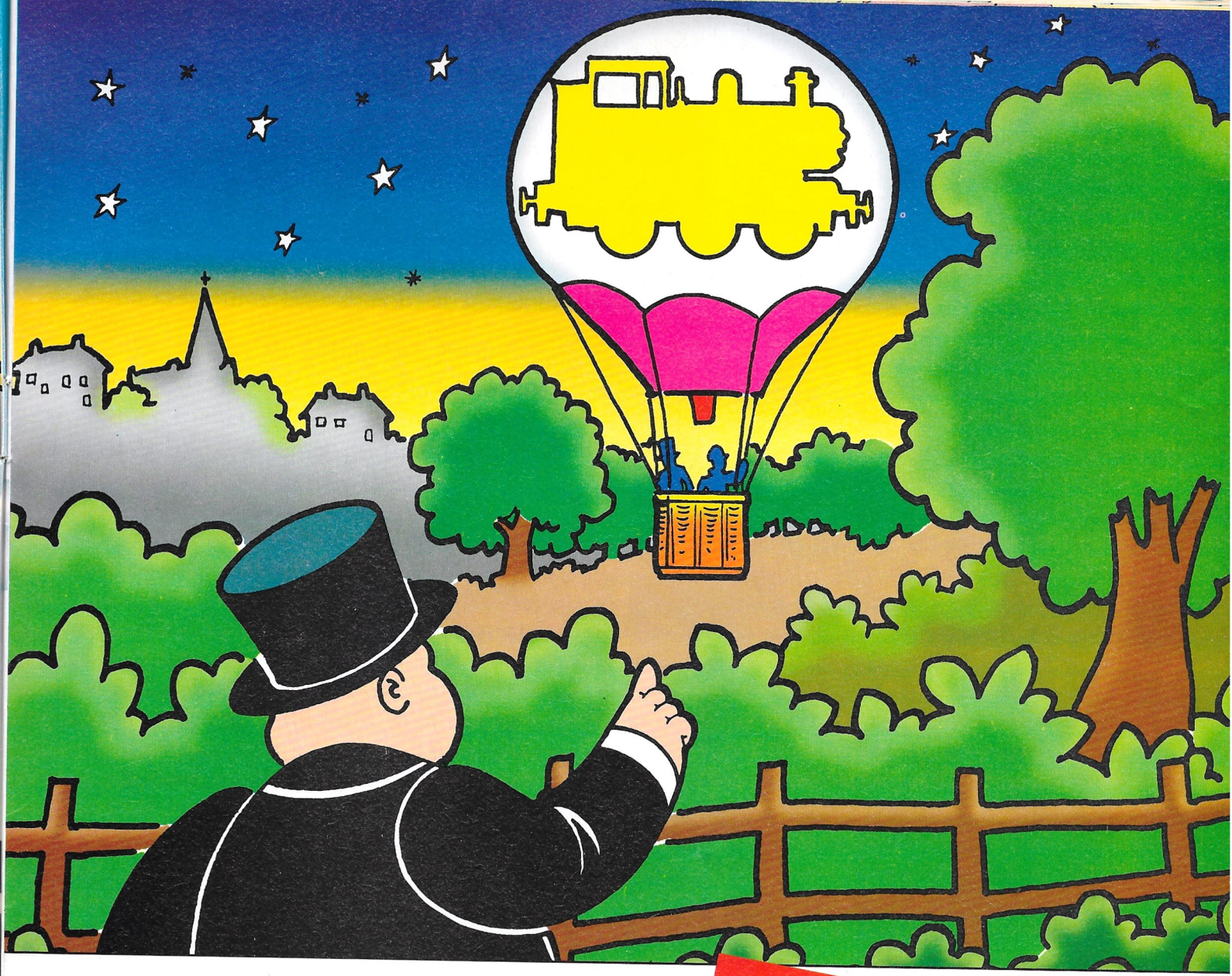
"We'll all be engine stars except Donald and Douglas!" teased Percy.

That evening, Thomas took the Fat Controller and lots of passengers to a station near the town hall, where the film about engines was being shown. In the sky was a huge glowing engine!

"The engine star!" gasped Thomas. "Donald and Douglas were right!"

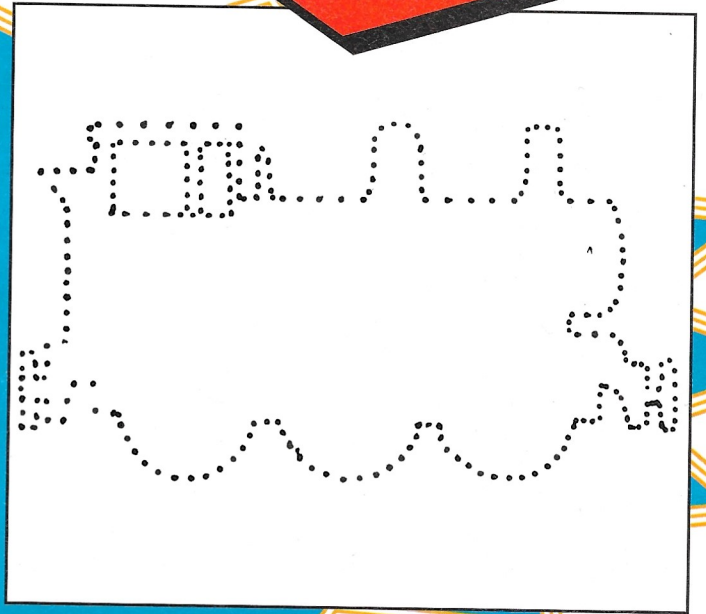
"That's not a star!" laughed the Fat Controller. "It's a hot-air balloon, covered in glowing paint. It's being used to advertise the film. They tested it last night!"

Thomas thought the Scottish twins might be sad to learn it wasn't a real engine star.



"I won't tell them," he smiled, "not for a night or two."

Draw along the dotted lines to make up your own Thomas engine star!



Now practise writing the word star!

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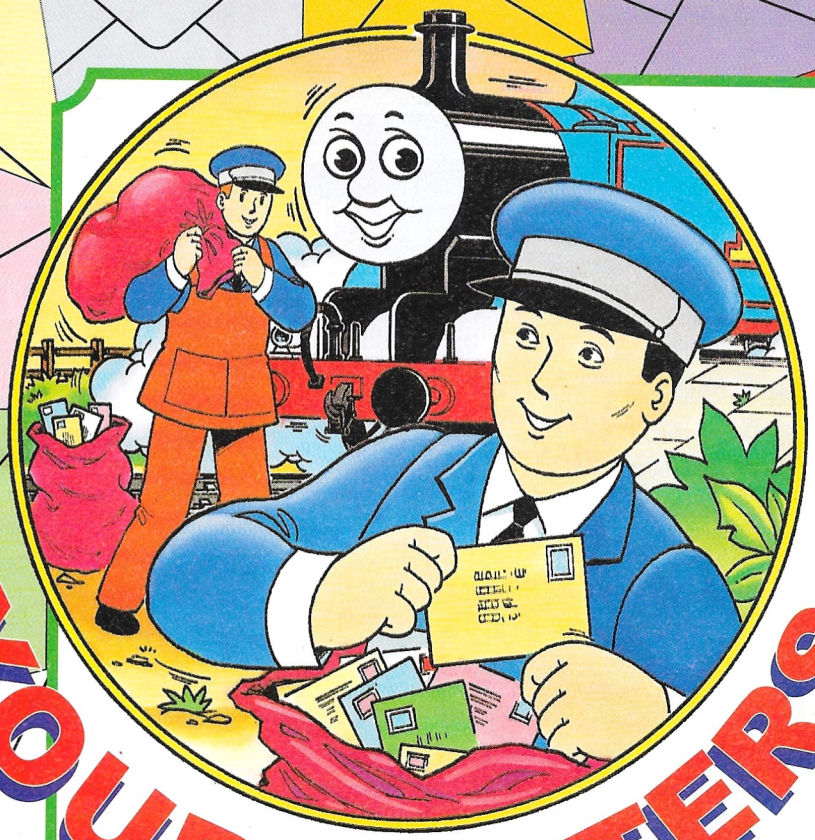
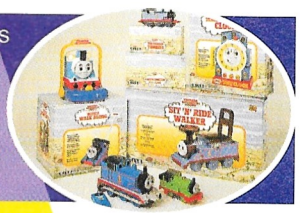


YOUR LETTERS

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas Pre-school toys!



STAR LETTER!

EVER TROUBLESOME!

Dear Fat Controller,
My name is Lucy and my favourite engine is Gordon. I listen to my tapes of Thomas stories and make the same sounds as the troublesome trucks! Are the trucks always naughty?
Love from **Lucy Ferguson, aged 2.**

Yes! The trucks are always very troublesome. I have to supervise the railway very carefully whenever anyone has to pull the trucks!

CLEANED-UP!

Dear Fat Controller,
Could you tell me how often your trains are cleaned? Does Thomas enjoy being washed?
Love from **James Hardy, aged 3.**

The engines are cleaned every day before they start work, and they always try to stay bright and shiny. Thomas loves being cleaned-up, especially when he can dry off in the sun afterwards!

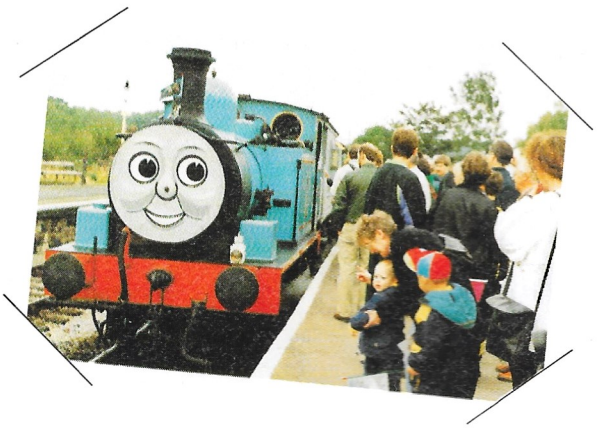
CHANGING NAME!

Dear Fat Controller,
I love all of Thomas's adventures! Could you tell me why you are called the Fat Controller?
Love from **Philip, aged 2.**

At first, I was affectionately known as the Fat Director, mainly because of my round shape. Later, shortly after I was awarded a knighthood, my friends started to call me Sir Topham Hatt - the Fat Controller!

PHOTO-STOP!

Dear Fat Controller,
Recently, I enjoyed a special day out with Thomas. Here is a photograph of me with Grandma, as Thomas helped Diesel to pull the troublesome trucks back to the siding.
Love from **Joseph Huzar, aged 2.**



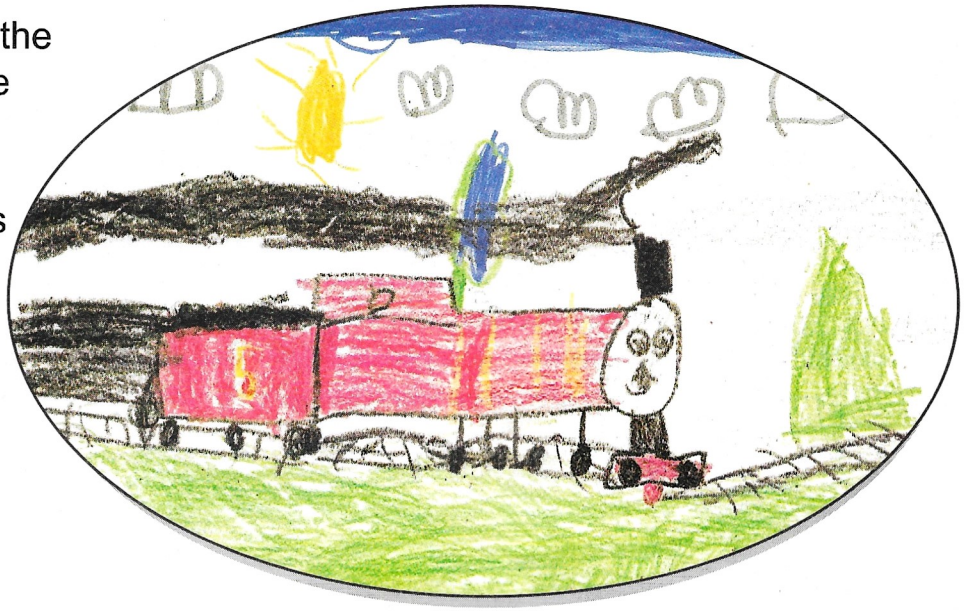
BIRTHDAYS!

Birthday greetings go out to...
Trevor Lynam, Ross Bloomberg, Andrew Britton, Nicholas Reid, Rhys Gary Gritt, Kane Towers, Benjamin Richards, Alexander Goodings, Emma Clark, James Tonks, James Phillips, Stephen Asher, Brian Carcavella, Adam Chapman, Nicholas Carey, James Maack and Jonathan Martin.

Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

Look at James the Red Engine! He is approaching Gordon's Hill. Congratulations go out to **Richard Etheridge** for sending us this colourful picture!

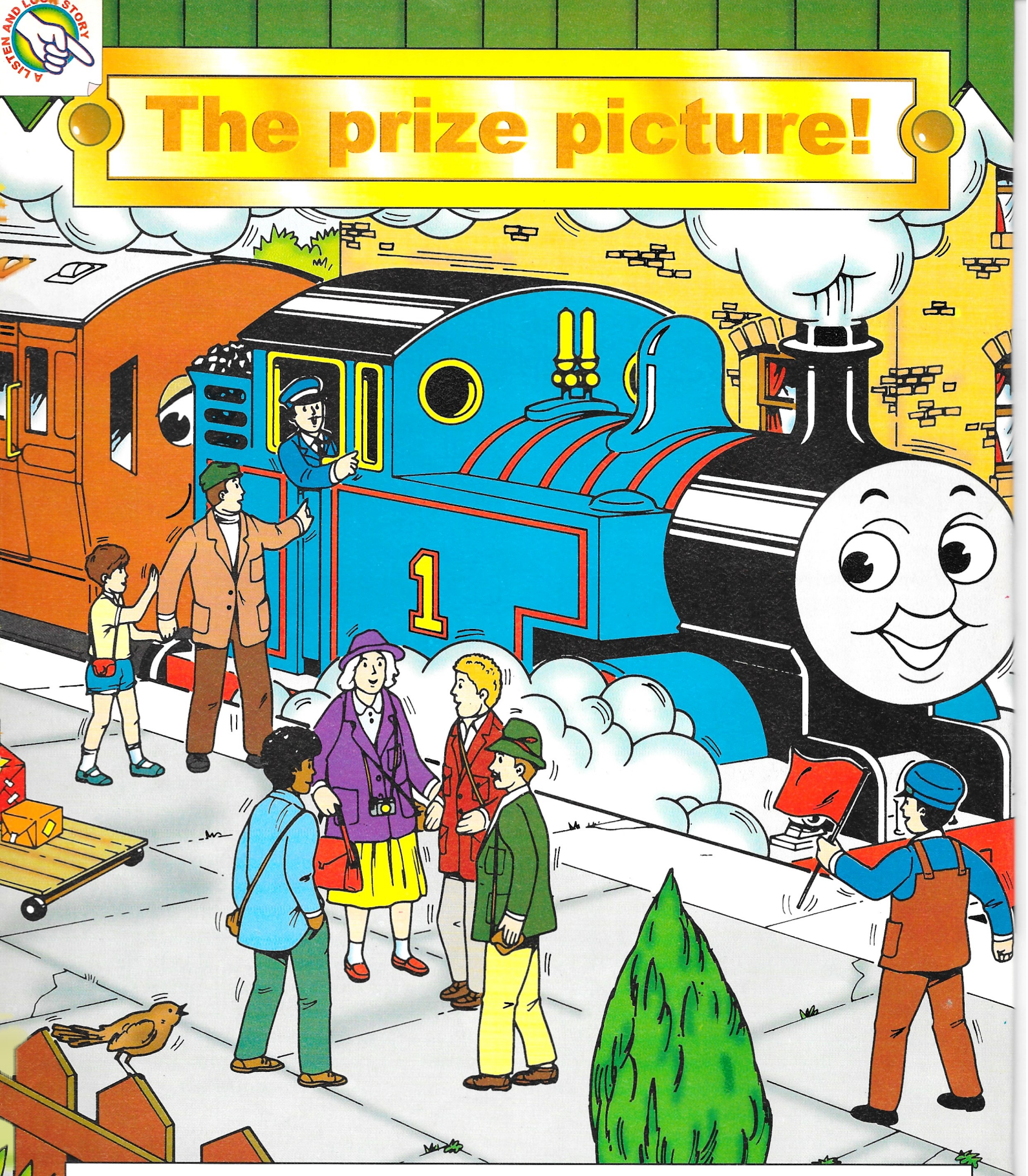


Rebecca Roffey, aged 8, has drawn Thomas puffing down the branch line on a bright sunny day. Can you see Annie and Clarabel too?

If you would like to have your drawing or painting displayed on this page, then please send your entries to: The Fat Controller's Drawing Board, Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends, Marvel Comics Ltd., 13-15 Arundel St., London WC2R 3DX.

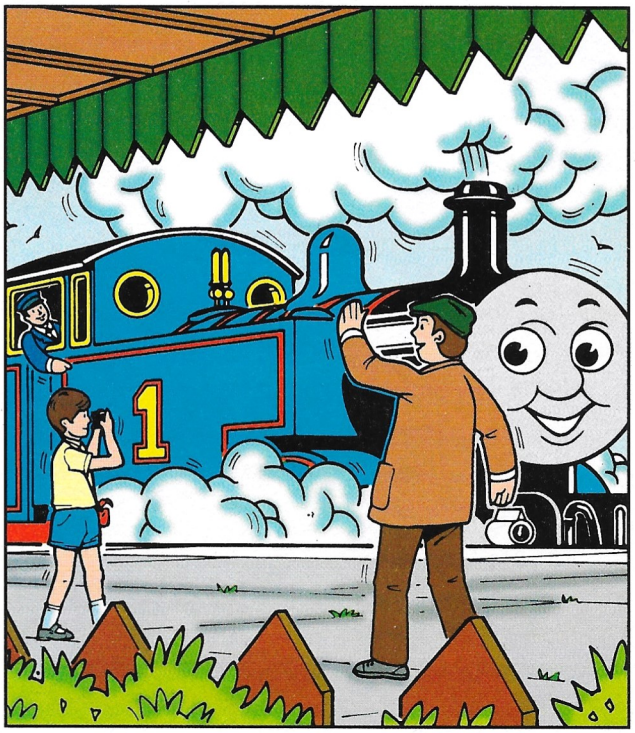
SPECIAL MENTION!
We all wish **Luke Moxham** a speedy recovery! Get well soon!

The prize picture!



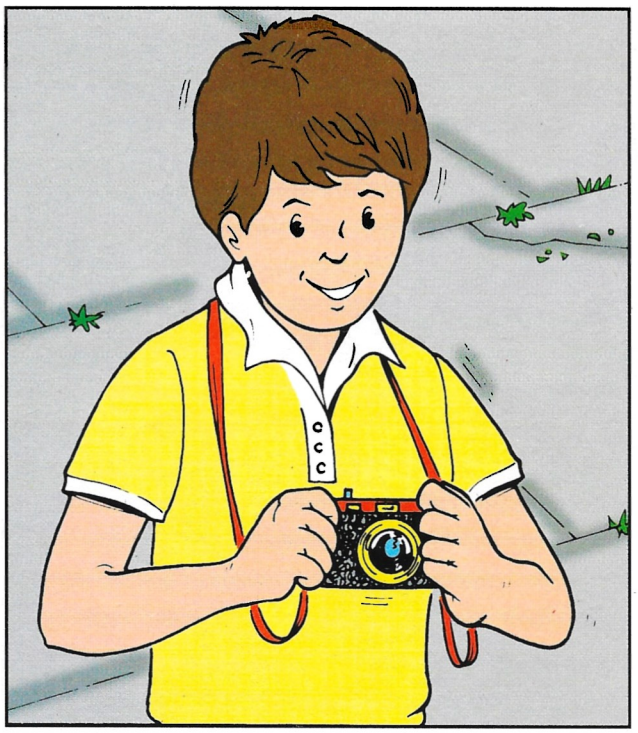
1. One bright sunny morning Thomas had an important job to do. He had to go to the Main Station to pick up some people from the Island of Sodor Camera Club.

2. The people were waiting on the platform when Thomas, Annie and Clarabel arrived. Thomas was to take them to photograph wildlife for a special competition.

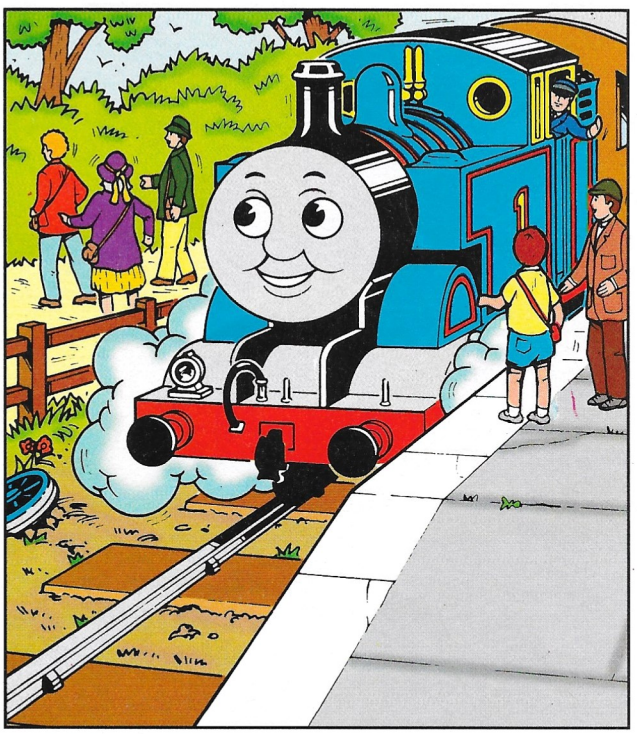


3. “Hello, Thomas! Smile!” called a little boy named Ben. He took a picture of Thomas. His daddy was a friend of Thomas’s driver.

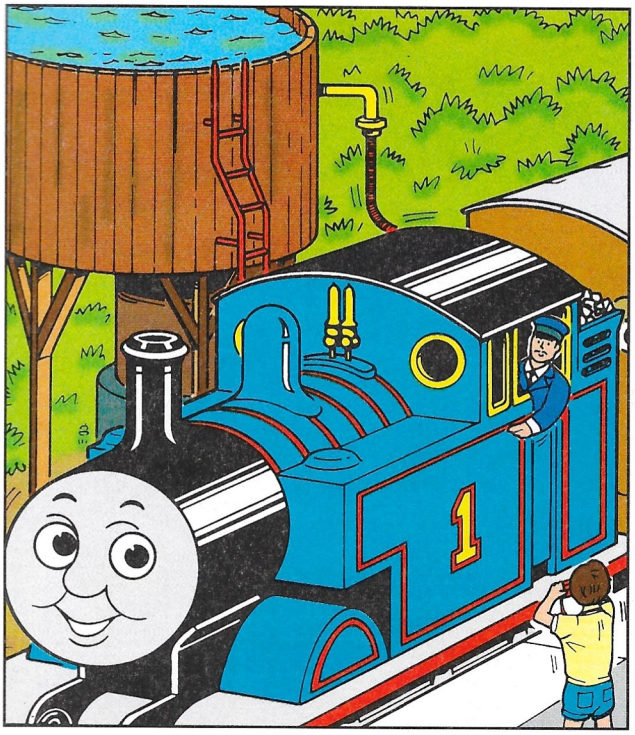
4. “Ben’s far more excited about Thomas than the club competition!” laughed his daddy. “He doesn’t expect to win it, anyway!”



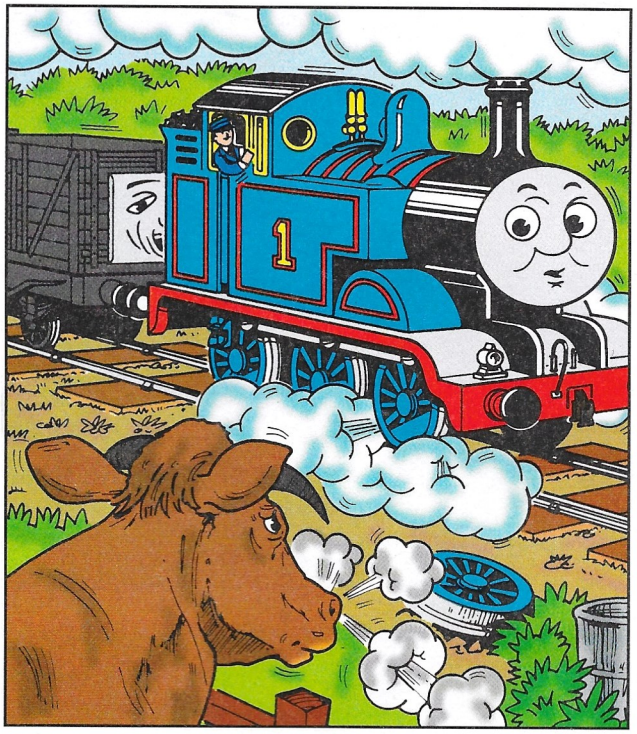
5. “Whoever takes the best wildlife photo will win!” Ben told Thomas’s driver. “But I just want pictures of Thomas!” Soon Thomas set off.



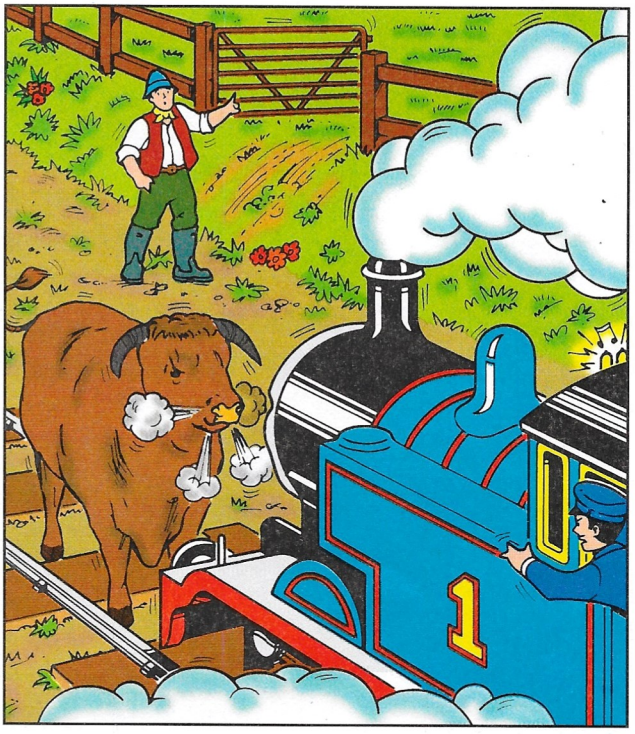
6. When he reached a country station, all his passengers, except Ben, left the train to go in search of subjects for their wildlife photos.



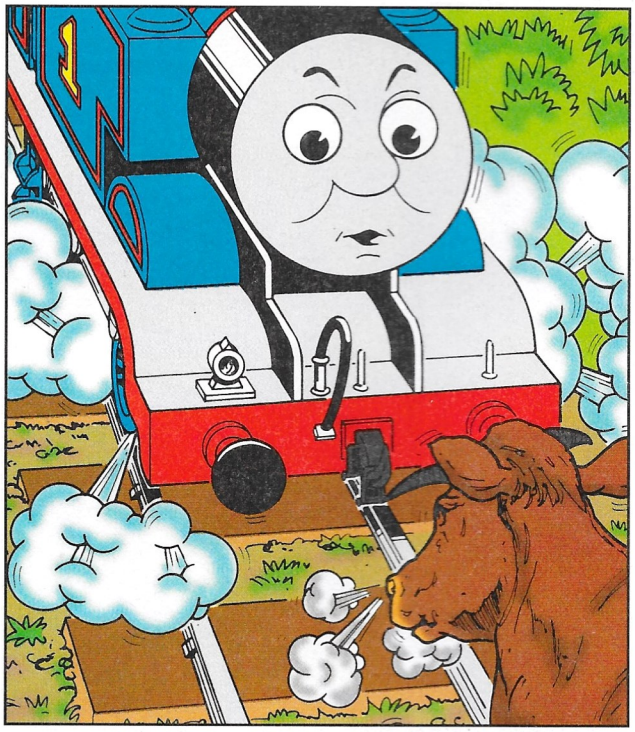
7. Ben stayed at the station. First he took a picture of Thomas having a drink. Then he snapped Thomas backing up into a siding.



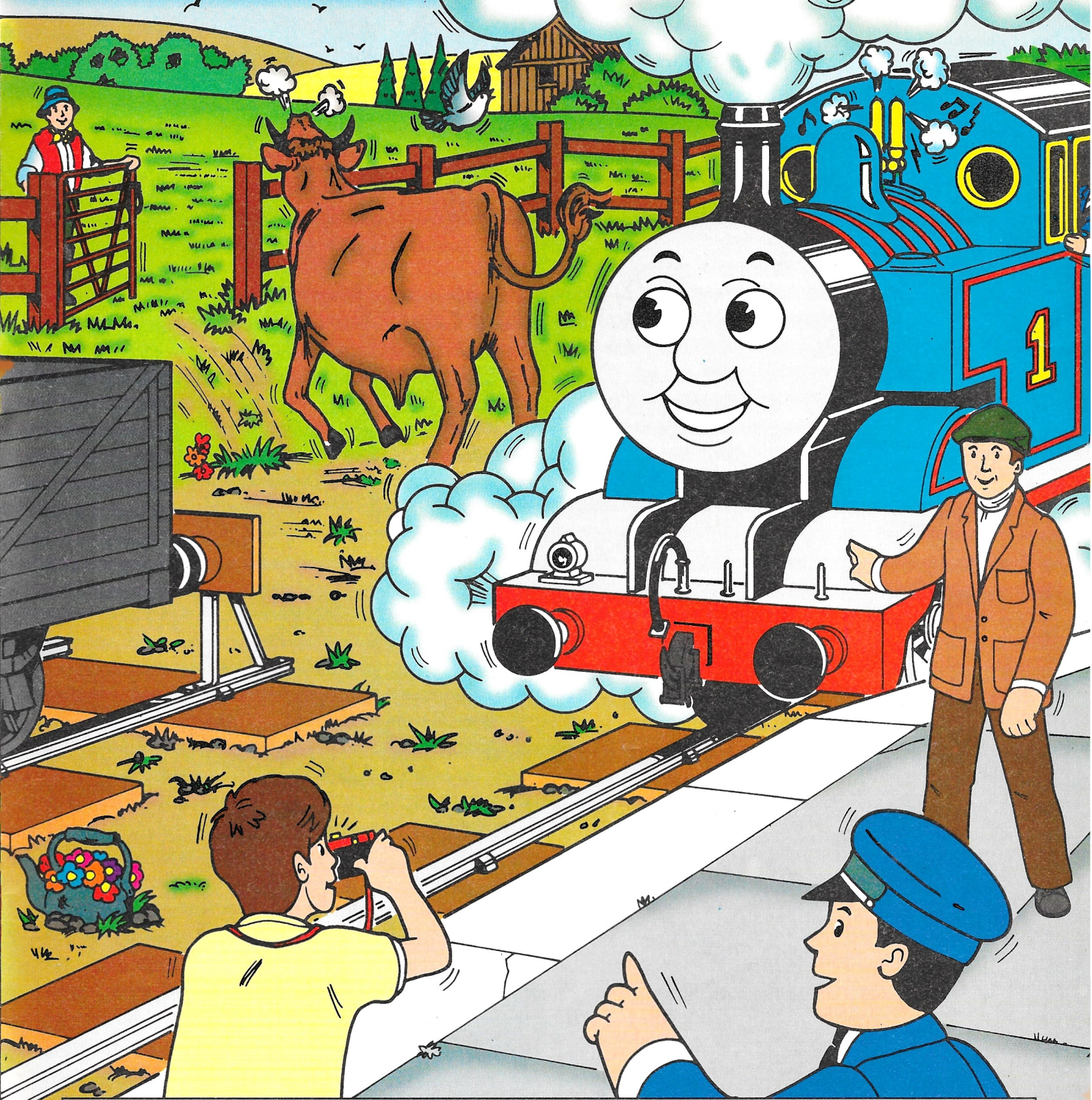
8. Thomas was to collect some trucks. He saw a bull in a field by the siding. "It's huffing and puffing like me!" thought Thomas.



9. The farmer came to lead the bull to another field. But it broke free and ran onto the track. Ben watched from the platform.



10. "That bull looks very cross!" warned Thomas's driver nervously. "We must get it back into the field for the farmer!" said Thomas.



11. The bull was about to charge. But Thomas hissed steam and puffed clouds of smoke. Bravely, he chuffed slowly towards the bull. Thomas kept blowing his whistle. Luckily, the bull turned and trotted back into the right field and the farmer shut the gate.

12. Ben had photographed everything. “The bull must have thought Thomas was a puffing giant!” he said. Ben entered his picture in the competition and won a prize for the most unusual photo. Later, he showed Thomas his prize. It was a book all about steam engines!

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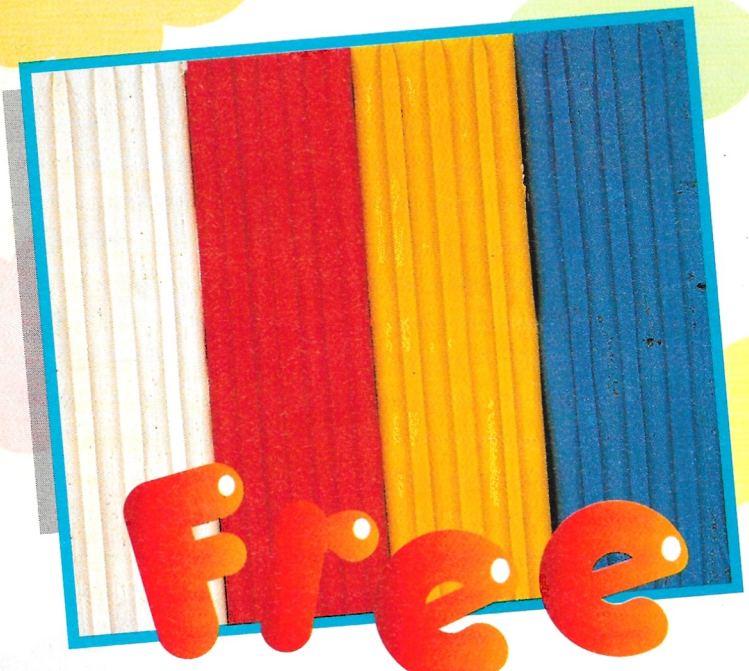

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